

Health

H.B. 68

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SAFE Act

- Prohibits a physician from knowingly performing gender reassignment surgery on a minor.
- Prohibits a physician from knowingly prescribing a cross-sex hormone or puberty-blocking drug to a minor for the purpose of assisting with gender transition.
- Prohibits a physician from aiding or abetting those prohibited practices.
- Permits a physician to continue to prescribe a cross-sex hormone or puberty-blocking drug to a minor after the act's effective date under specified circumstances.
- Prohibits a mental health professional from diagnosing or treating a minor for a gender-related condition without first obtaining the consent of at least one parent or legal custodian, or the minor's guardian.
- Prohibits a mental health professional from diagnosing or treating a minor for a gender-related condition without screening the minor for other comorbidities, abuse, and traumas during the course of treatment.
- Establishes penalties for physicians and mental health professionals who engage in conduct the act prohibits.
- Prohibits Medicaid coverage of gender transition services for minors.
- Prohibits a court from denying or limiting parental rights and responsibilities or parenting time based on certain parental decisions regarding the child's gender identity and gender transition.
- Expresses the General Assembly's findings regarding gender transition services, particularly for minors.
- Entitles these provisions the Ohio Saving Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

Save Women's Sports Act

- Requires each school that participates in athletic competitions or events administered by an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic conferences or events to designate separate single-sex athletic teams based on the sex of the participants.

- Requires each state institution of higher education or private, nonprofit college or university that is a member of the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA to designate separate single-sex athletic teams and sports based on the sex of the participants.
- Prohibits a state institution, private college, school, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic athletics from knowingly permitting a male athlete to participate in a female athletic competition.
- Authorizes an athletic participant to file a civil action if the participant is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers harm as a result of a violation of the act's single-sex participation requirements or if the participant is subject to retaliation for reporting a violation.
- Prohibits a state agency or political subdivision, accrediting organization, or athletic association that operates or has business activities in Ohio from taking adverse action against a school, school district, or college or university that complies with the act's single-sex participation requirements.
- Entitles these provisions the "Save Women's Sports Act."